Dear Mr. Hicks:

This is in response to your letter of February 3.

I am afraid you have been misinformed by the Forest Service about the reason for their cancellation of the lease on her cabin. According to the letter she received from Mr. Leasure, "...It appears that the private landowner in Mineral King is about to restrict present public parking on his property because of adverse impacts. This will reduce parking on public use of the area by 30 to 40 groups or families. Utilization of the site onwhich your cabin now stands would hep to maintain the general public use at its current level. This general publi use is considered a higher need for this site than that of a private recreation residence. Therefore, as per clause 38, we are revoking your permit so that this site and some footate to the west may be used by the general public for parking." The "private landowner" must refers to the Disney corporation, as there is no other private landowner of such proportions in the Mineral King valley. So it seems to all of us who are working very hard to save the Barboni cabin that Mrs. Barboni's ;light is very much related to the old store and post office area.

As a member of the board of the Mineral King District Association, I will be glad to contact the cabin owners in the vicinity of the store/post office area to try to ascertain their specific grievances. As far as I know, they have never mentioned them at the cabin owners meeting. I am sure when they realize that Mrs. Barboni is to lose her cabin because of this decision, they will ggree to some other solution.

I attended the meeting Mrs. Barboni had with the Mr. Leasure, Mr. Wyckoff and Mr. Werner a week ago Tuesday, and they made it very clear that the Forst Service did, indeed plan to demolish the Barboni cabin to make way for an expanded parking lot. Mrs. Barboni had appealed this decision, but she has had to hire an attorney and the Forest Service is to act as judge and jury, sp I see little hope that her cabin can be saved. This is truly sad. I do hope you will consider the use of the dump as a parking area. I am sure the cabin owners would be glad to help with this project.

Sincerely,

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